



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Helena L. Palka-Hamblin et al.
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For : DEP-1 RECEPTOR PROTEIN TYROSINE PHOSPHATASE
INTERACTING PROTEINS AND RELATED METHODS

Examiner : Tekchand Saidha
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P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action containing a Restriction Requirement mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 25, 2006, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on September 25, 2006. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect Group 28, claims 18-25 (directed to a method of altering transduction of a biological signal in a cell by introducing into the cell a DEP-1 polypeptide that is capable of specifically associating with a DEP-1 substrate polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7), for examination at this time. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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